(SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.)

No loan has been directly advanced by Government; but Government have guaranteed a loan of Rs.5·5 lakhs raised by the Company from the Bank of Mysore, Ltd., which is included in the above balance of Rs. 9,75,000.

(*c*) From 1952.

(*d*) Yes ; the names, qualifications and experience of the personnel are noted below :—

(1) *Manager*.—Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao.

Matriculate and Diploma Holder in Commerce. Has had practical training in Filature Technique, and Spun Silk Manufacture under an English Expert for over 3 years. Has worked as Superintendent of Filature Section for 3 years, as Manager of the Jaya Spun Silk Mills in Bombay for 2½ years and is in charge of the Channapatna Filature and Spun Silk Factory since September 1948.

(2) *Works Superintendent*.—

The post is vacant at present. The Board of Directors have resolved to obtain the services of a Japanese Technician since there are no suitable technicians available in India having experience and knowledge of waste silk processing. Correspondence is in progress for the selection of a suitable person in Japan.

At present the Mechanical Engineer Sri P. C. Narasimhalu Naidu, who had over 10 years' experience of machinery erection and maintenance in the Bangalore Woollen, Cotton and Silk Mills Co., Ltd., and who is in charge of the maintenance of the Spun Silk Plant since 15 years, is looking after the duties of the Works Superintendent also.

(3) *Spinner*.— Sri C. S. Arunachalam.

Intermediate of the Madras University (Mathematics), Graduate in Hindi, Certificate of the City and Guilds London Examination in Cotton Spinning. Undergone a short course training in Sericulture and Raw Silk Testing at the Government of India Central Sericultural Research Station, Berhampur, for a period of two months. Served as Examiner in the Department of D. I. S. & Co., Bengal area. Practical training and apprenticeship of two years in Radha Krishna Mills, Ltd., Coimbatore, Spinner in Lotus Mills, Ltd., Sunderapuram, Coimbatore. Undergone training course in Statistical Quality Control sponsored by the United Nations Technical Assistance Administration and the Government of India Certificate awarded.

(*e*) Government are not aware that the losses which this Company has been suffering from 1952 are due to mismanagement. The Manager was originally employed as Head Clerk in the Company.

(*f*) No enquiries have been made by the Anti-corruption Department against the conduct of Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao as Manager of the Mills ; but enquiries were made by the Department into certain allegations against the Mysore Spun Silk Mills Co-operative Society's dealings during 1943-44 during which period Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao was its Honorary Secretary.

(*g*) The statement is substantially correct so far as this Factory is concerned.

(*h*) This is a Joint Stock Company and its management is under the control of a Board of Directors most of whom are elected by the share-holders of the Company.

Contribution collected from and Water-Rate levied on Ryots for Repair of Tanks.

Q.—624. SRI T. C. BASAPPA (Tarikere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the quota of contribution generally collected from the ryots towards the amount of expenditure

over repairs to tanks and irrigation works;

(*b*) the percentage of income expected to accrue while levying the present water-rate over the total amount of expenditure excluding the ryots' contribution;

(*c*) the number of years fixed for collecting this water-rate;

(*d*) whether they have framed any rules for regulating the repairs to tanks and irrigation works, the collection of contribution and levying the water rate;

(*e*) if so, whether a copy of the said rules would be placed on the Table?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(*a*) Contribution is leviable whenever the construction, restoration or improvement of any irrigation work in any local area is undertaken by Government. The contribution recoverable from ryots is determined in the light of various factors such as the cost of the work, area benefited, locality in which it is situated, whether it is a protective work or not, etc. It varies usually from Rs. 100 to Rs. 500 per acre. Contribution is not levied in respect of works which are in the nature of repairs, *viz.*, repairs to sluices, waste weirs and breaches to bund, etc.

(*b*) No specific percentage has been fixed. The objective generally is to see that a return of not less than 3 per cent is secured except in areas which require special consideration.

(*c*) Water rate is collected every year commencing from the year of supplying water to the lands. In the case of contribution, the amount is recovered ordinarily in ten equal annual instalments.

(*d*) Levy of contribution is governed by the provisions of the Irrigation Act as amended in 1952. Repairs to tanks and irrigation works are effected in accordance with the requirements and sanctioned estimates. No rules have been framed in this behalf.

(*e*) Does not arise.

Silk Growing Area.

Q.—647. Sri S. SIDDAPPA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the extent of silk growing area in the State;

(*b*) the total quantity of the silk produced;

(*c*) of it, the quantity exported;

(particulars for the last five years to be furnished);

(*d*) the proportionate quantity of silk produced in one acre of land in the State and also in other Provinces?

A.—Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Home and Industries).—

(*a*) The present area under mulberry in Mysore State for 1953-54 is as follows:—

1.	Rainfed	...	85,000 acres
2.	Irrigated	...	19,000 ,,
	Total	...	104,000 ,,

(*b*) The total quantity of silk produced in Mysore State for 1953-54 is as follows:—

1.	Filature Silk	...	106,434 lbs.
2.	Charka Silk	...	1,264,001 ,,
	Total	...	1,370,435 ,,

(*c*)	1949-50	...	678,550 lbs.
	1950-51	...	730,853 ,,
	1951-52	...	658,030 ,,
	1952-53	...	785,035 ,,
	1953-54	...	Information is being collected.

(*d*) The proportionate quantity of silk produced in one acre of land is 15 lbs. The figures relating to other provinces are being collected.